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Subject: Revised Calendar Year (CY) 2020 Colorado River Water Order for the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT)

Dear Mr. Bowker:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) memorandum dated September 3, 2020, notifying Reclamation that BIA has revised CRIT's water order for CY 2020. As discussed in the memorandum and reflected in the accompanying Table 2, BIA has revised CRIT's approved CY 2020 diversion for use on the CRIT Reservation in Arizona downward, from 512,102 acre-feet (AF) to 512,018 acre-feet (AF), a reduction of 84 AF. This 84 AF reduction is due to a correction that was made to the consumptive use to diversion ratio used to calculate the necessary diversion reduction required for CRIT's Extraordinary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus (EC ICS) creation purposes.¹

In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417, this letter provides BIA with notice that Reclamation has no comments or objections to BIA's approval of CRIT's revised CY 2020 Colorado River water order.

Reclamation will continue to monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during CY 2020 to assist each entitlement holder in ensuring its annual approval is not exceeded. These projections are available to water users each day on Reclamation's website: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast.pdf. It is expected CRIT will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities or, as appropriate, seek modification of the approval.

¹The consumptive use to diversion ratio was corrected from 0.475 to 0.470. Based on CRIT's CY 2020 approved EC ICS creation amount of 3,736 AF, the required diversion reduction based on the 0.475 factor was 7,865 AF. The required diversion reduction based on the corrected factor of 0.470 is 7,949 AF, representing an additional diversion reduction of 84 AF.

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